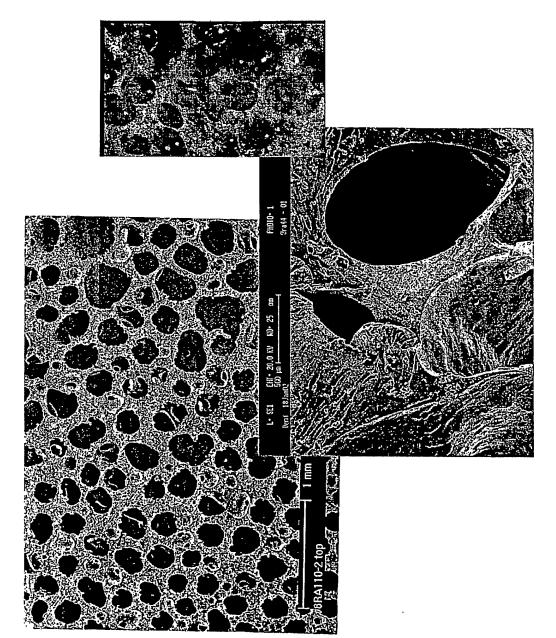
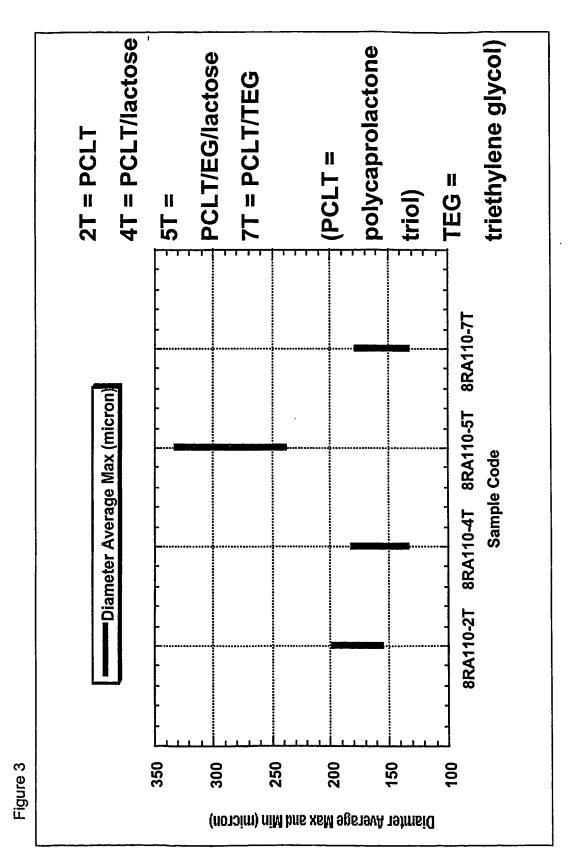


strength



SEM of a porous polymer scaffold



Effect of different degradable cross-linker structure on average

porosity

HA + hydroxyapatite
PSA = poly(sebasic
anhydride)
PLGA = poly(glycolic)
and poly(lactic acid)
copolymer
SAP = silica particles

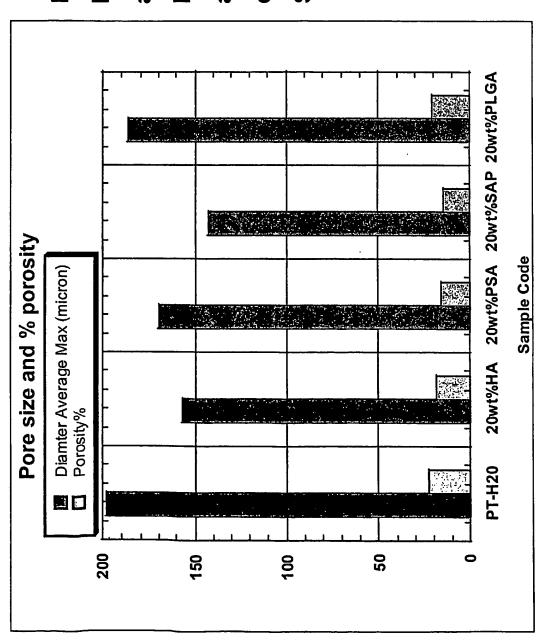


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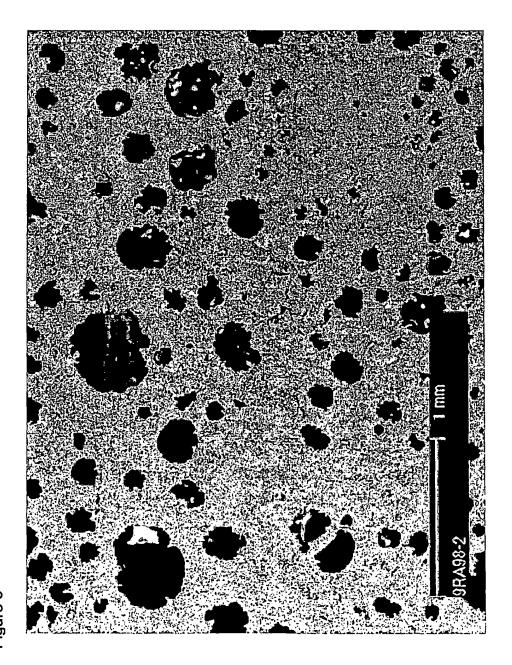
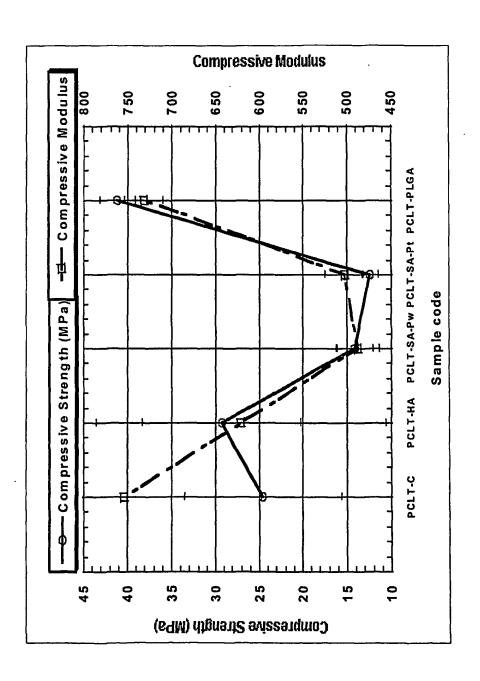


Figure 5

# Incorporation of fillers changes pore structure



PCLT-C = polycaprolactone triol, PCLT-HA = (hydroxyapatite), PCLT-SA-PW = silica powder, PCLT-SA-Pt = silica powder, PCLT-PLGA =

poly(glycolic and lactic acid) copolymer

Figure 6

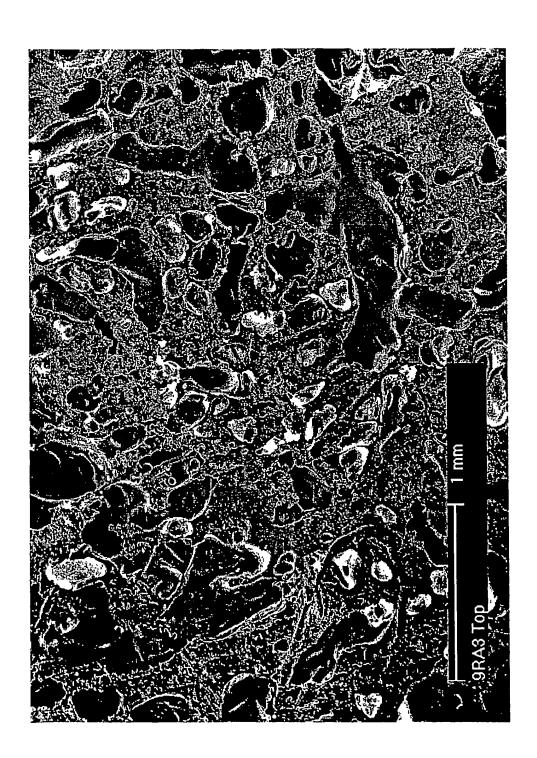
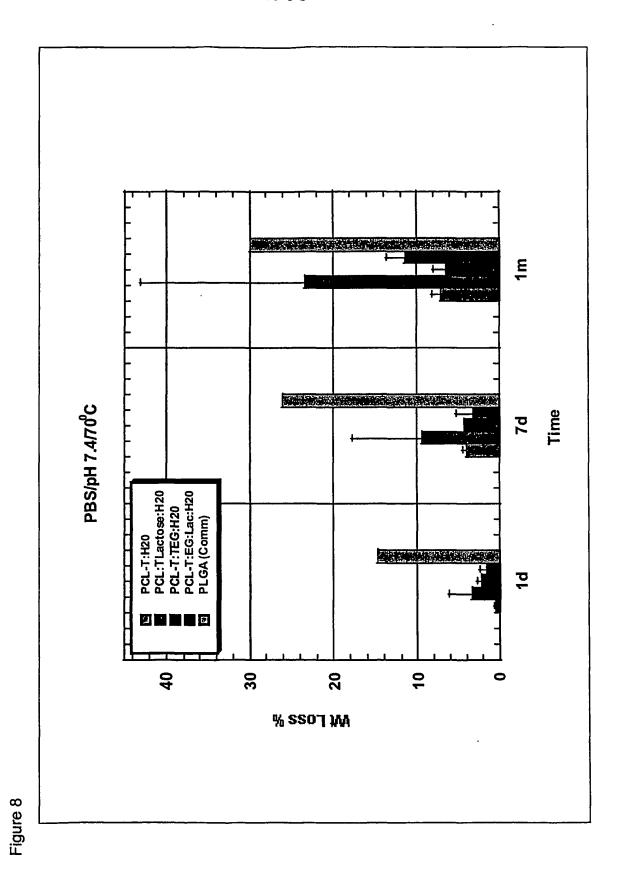
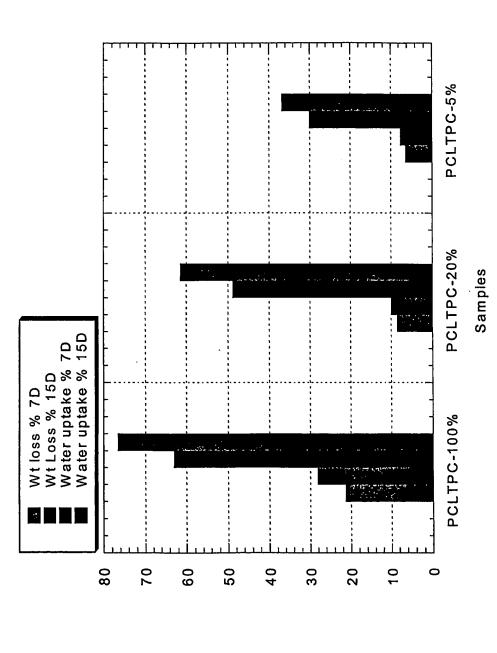


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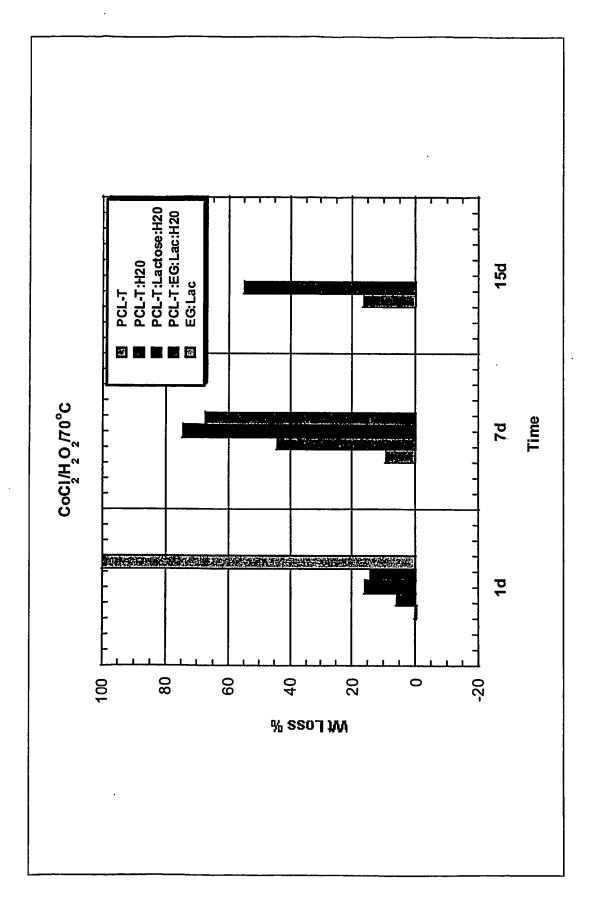


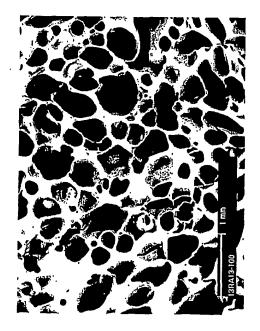


Effect of incorporating phosphocholine modified polycaprolactone triol on hydrolytic degradation

Figure 9

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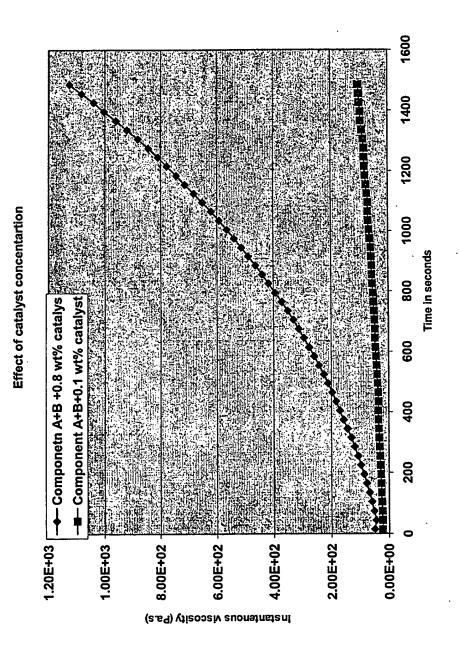
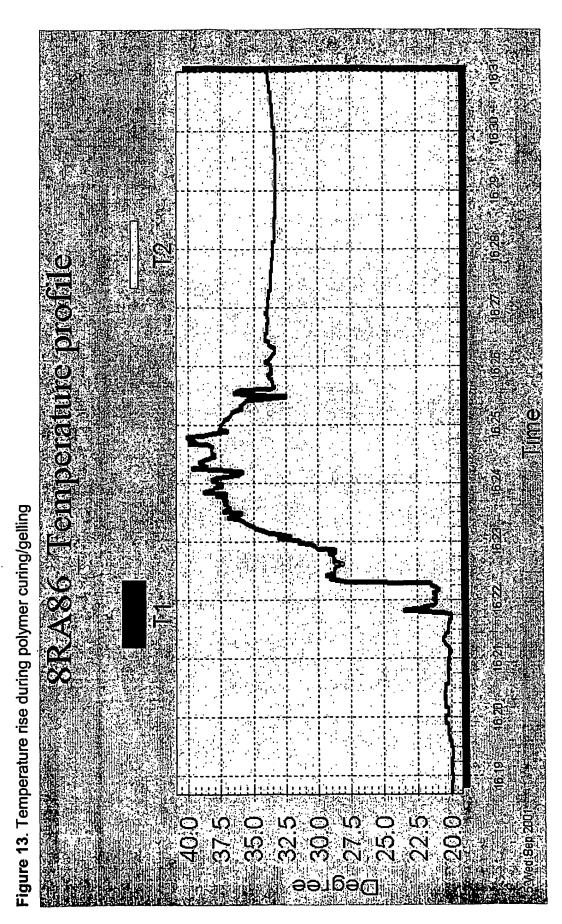


Figure 12: Change in polymer viscosity with curing time at 23°C



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Figure 14. Haematoxylin & Eosin staining of a 6 week culture showing cluster of viable stem cells (purple) and new matrix (pink) within hollow fibres (transparent) within the polymer scaffold.

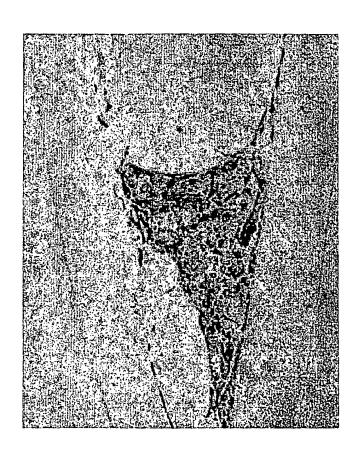
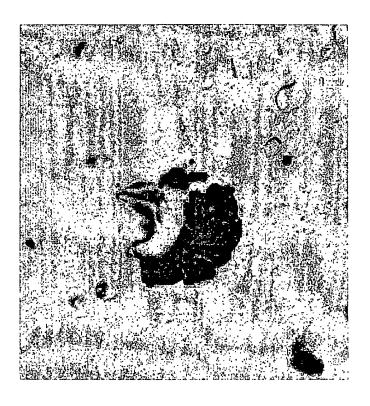


Figure 15. 6 week culture of human mesenchymal stem cells grown in hollow fibres within the polymer scaffold supplemented with differentiation medium to promote osteoblast differentiation. Sample is stained with von Kossa to show bone mineralisation (brown/black staining).



Figure 16. Haematoxylin & Eosin staining of a 4 week culture showing cluster of viable chondrocytes within resorbed gelatin beads within the polymer scaffold.



**Figure 17.** Alcian blue staining of a 9 week culture showing cluster of viable chondrocytes around gelatin beads within the polymer scaffold. Pink staining indicates cells and blue around cells indicates new glycosaminoglycan synthesis.

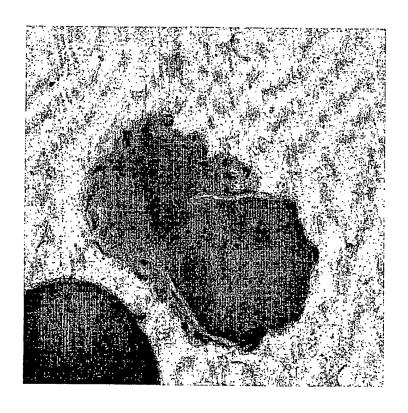
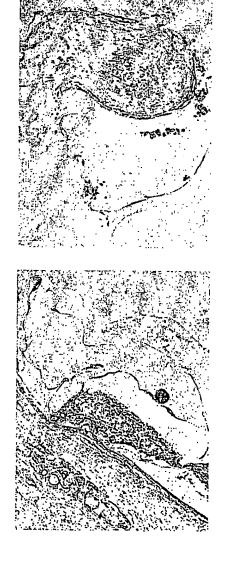


Figure 18: Micrographs showing cellular integration in to the polymer structure after 2-month implantation in rats (a) Polymer implant sample # 1 (b) Polymer implant sample #2.



Implant Sample # 1

Implant sample #2

(a)

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